

Citizen Resolution # 680323



Hook and Line Fishing Modification to Enhance Motor Troll Fishing on Lake Michigan and Superior (requires legislation)

Currently, Wisconsin Sport Fishing regulations governing fishing on Lake Michigan and Superior are not written in terms of the number of poles/rods/lines. It reads, "No person may do any of the following ... fish with more than three (3) hooks, baits or lures." As a result, the maximum number of poles/rods/lines is three (3) as long as you have only one (1) bait on each pole/rod/line. More than one bait per line will require you to use fewer than three (3) poles/rods/lines.

o Concurrently, Michigan Sport Fishing regulations governing fishing on Lake Michigan and Superior are written in terms of the number of lines/hooks/lures. It reads, "No more than 3 lines per person (including tip-ups) or more than 6 hooks or lures may be used. All hooks attached to an artificial bait or "night crawler harness" are counted as 1 hook." As a result, the maximum number of lines is three (3) per person and you can have a maximum of two (2) hooks or lures on each line. Illinois Sport Fishing regulations governing fishing on Lake Michigan are written in terms of the number of lines/hooks/lures. It reads, "TROLLING. Trolling is permissible, provided the angler has not more than three poles and lines with not more than two hooks or lures on each, except in waters where there is a 2 pole and line only designation." As a result, the maximum number of lines is three (3) per person and you can have a maximum of two (2) hooks or lures on each line.

o In order to provide equitable fishing opportunities for Wisconsin Anglers on Lake Michigan and Lake Superior as their counterparts in neighboring states, we propose the Wisconsin Sport Fishing regulations be modified to mirror the Michigan Fishing regulations on Lake Michigan and Lake Superior and the Illinois Fishing regulations on Lake Michigan.

Would you support the Conservation Congress working with the state legislature to allow the use of no more than 3 lines per person or more than 6 hooks or lures may be used when motor troll fishing on Lake Michigan and Superior? (requires legislation)

Additional Information provided by author:

Current Hook and Line Fishing Regulations for neighboring Great Lakes States.

Michigan—No more than 3 lines per person (including tip-ups) or more than 6 hooks or lures may be used. All hooks attached to an artificial bait or "night crawler harness" are counted as 1 hook.

Illinois— Trolling is permissible, provided the angler has not more than three poles and lines with not more than two hooks or lures on each, except in waters where there is a 2 pole and line only designation.

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